ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND ABOUT TOWN

Happenings of the Day in Various Parts of the Nation's Capital.

It was a crowded Mt. Pleasant car, Capitol-bound. At Seventeenth and I streets

stopped. An impressive figure stepped

aboard, with a great black slouch hat partly covering flowing, trof-gray locks that rolled over his collar, and enveloped in a long black cloak, reaching almost to his ankles.

The crowd in the car watched with interest as he strode down the aisle, Everybody knew who he was. He was Senator Vardaman.

That is-Everybody but one. She was t wee bit of a golden-haired

chick, cuddled up in her mother's lap. She gaped as the Senator ap-Then she gasped,

And giggled. "Oh Mama!" she chortled. "Does

he have to wear those?"

The Senator halted in his tracks, it seemed, while the crowd hald its breath. Then he moved ponderously on down the aisle.

Church Entertainment. An entertainment to raise money

for publication of a chuch bulletin was given by the Mu Beta chapter of the Phi Mu Sigma fraternity of Metro-politan Baptist Church at the church last night. Vaudeville skits and musi-cal numbers were given. Harry diross, president of the chapter, and John Black, talked. The Rev. J. C. Rall gave the opening prayer.

Maccabees To Give Play. A play, "The Maccabees," will be given at the Eighth Street Temple tomorrow night by the Washington branch of Maccabees.

WILL 57 YEARS OLD FILED

Written on Sheet of Note Paper Witnesses All Dead.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.-The will of the late Stephen Decatur Spence, made May 21, 1859, and written by him on one side of a sheet of letter paper that has turned yellow from age, has just been filed for probate in the orphans' court.

phans' court.

It directs that Mr. Spence's estate, amounting to \$4,500, in the possession of Carroll Spence as trustee, be divided equally between the testator's two sisters, Mrs. Mary Clare Macgill, and Mrs. Roberta T. Brooke.

James Buchanan, Henry Klinefelter,

and Jacob Hartzell, the witnesses, are Mr. Spence died October 28, last, to

New York, to which city he removed about thirty years ago. He was a hachelor and nearly 100 years old.

AQUARIUM SOCIETY ELECTS

R. W. Shuseldt Chosen President of Washington Organization.

Officers were elected by the Aquarium Society of Washington in the Zoological laboratorry at George Washington University. The names of the officers follow: President, R. Shuseldt: firm vice president Louis W. Bauer; second vice president, Mrs. L. Helen Fowler, secretary, J. E. Benedict, jr.; treasurer, Com-mander D. W. Tott, U. S. N.; chairman of the publicity committee, Dr. Paul Bartsch; chairman of the committee on communications, Dr. W. D. Emory, and the executive council of the society, composed of Miss Mary Titus Ulke and J. H. Wagner

MRS. ELLEN AUKAM DEAD

Mother of Municipal Court Judge

Succumbs at Home Here. Mrs. Ellen Aukam, wife of Fredrick G. Aukam, died at her residence, 3149 Mt. Pleasant street northwest,

yesterday. Mrs. Aukam was the mother of Judge George C, Aukam, of the Muni-

Funeral services will be held Monday at the residence, after which the body will be taken to Troy, N. Y., Mrs. Aukam's former home.

ORATORS FOR BANQUET.

Following a custom at the Washingten College of Law, the speakers at the annual banquet, to be held February 3, are to be women. The honor of speaking always goes to the sex opposite to the president of the class. This year all class presidents are men. The class of 1918 has entire charge of arrangements. The following speakers are to represent their classes: ers are to represent their classes: 1917, Miss Mary E. Laird; 1918, Miss Pauline M. Floyd; 1919, Miss Ellen M.

TO ADDRESS PETWORTH C. E. The C. E. Society of the Petworth Baptist Church will be addressed by Guy C. Hendry tomorrow evening.

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LESS LATE XMAS BROTHER LIFE BENEFICIARY

William McK. Osborn Benefits by Codicil Filed With Will.

William McK. Osborn is made the beneficiary for life of the estate of his sister, Ellen F. Osborn, by the terms of a codicil filed with her will in the District Supreme Court. On Mr. Osborn's death the estate is to vest in Mary H. Shoemaker. Until that time it is to be held in trust by Charles H. Cragin for the benefit of the testatrix's brother.

A second codicil, dated October 23 last, gives \$100 to Pauline Anderson, a nurse in the Osborn family.

The will of the testatrix left her entire estate to the testatrix's sisters, and since both died after the drawing of the will the estate was devised by

NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE

Oliver Smith Appointed to Reassess Chevy Chase Property.

The county commissioners , have appointed Oliver Smith, tax assessor for Chevy Chase, in place of M. Wilson Offutt. He will at once begin the work of reassessing all real estate in Chevy Chase in accordance with the directions of the State Tax Commission.

The reassessment in other parts of the county is progressing satisfactorily and the results so far indicate that the taxable basis of the county will be tremendously increased.

Drs. Ernest L. Bullard and Horace C. Haddox having certified that Miss Estelle Starner is of unsound mind, the county commissioners have directed that she be committed to Springfield Hospital, at Sykesville, Md., for care

The public schools of Montgomer; county closed yesterday for the Christ mas holidays and will reopen January 2. In most of the schools appropriate Christmas celebration were held yes-

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SHOPPING THIS YEAR

Stores Crowded, But Rush and Jam of Former Seasons Is Missing.

It is evident that Washingtonians n large measure, did their Christmas hopping early.

The stores were crowded today, as they were late yesterday, but there was not the rush, jam, bustle, and lesperation that has marked the last hopping day before Christmas In many instances, the last minute

shoppers today are bargain seekers. and those picking up the last odds and ends of Christmas shopping, or picking up forgotten articles.

Though the department stores losed at 6 o'clock last night, as they will toinght, many of the smaller shops were open until 9. There was however, little rush downtown, and those who took advantage of the evening hours had opportunity to do their shopping in leisurely fashion. There were, however, many disap

pointments for the late shoppers.
Articles sought were in many instances sold out, particularly with respect to novelties and seasonal goods, put in only for the Christmas trade. There will be none of the vocifer-ous joy and jangle of noise in the shopping district tonight that but a few years ago marked every Christ-mas, as peace disturbers are to be kept subdued by the police.

Reduced Fares For Christman holidays to points South, December 2 to 25. Southern Railway. Consul-Agents, 705 18th St., 911 G Street.—Ac

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URGES RURAL SCHOOLS

Mise Virginia Trimble Appeals to Congress for Mountain Folk.

American Revolution and the Colonial Dames Society.

Miss Trimble says that the appailing conditions in these remote sections should get relief frem Congress before aid is extended elsewhere.

Miss Trimble is spending the winter here with her mother, Mrs. N. W. Trimble. An appeal has been made to Congress to build schools in remote secions of Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and Georgia by Miss Virginia Trimble, of Alabama. Miss Trimble. who is president of a

celety for the relief of poor mountain white children, is supported in her work by the Daughters of the

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At the request of the Norwegian Parliament the United States Bureau of Education has announced that pro-posals of candidates for the 1917 Nobel peace price must be made before Febru-ary of next year. The 1917 price will be the first given since the war began

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TUESDAY MARGUERITE COURTOT and OWEN MOORE in "Rolling Stones"

WEDNESDAY-MAT. 2:20 CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG in "The Common Law" (7 Reels) HAROLD LOCKWOOD and MAY ALLISON in "Big Tremaine"

PRIDAY FRANK KEENAN in "The Thoroughbred" and ORA CAREWE in "Dollars and Sense"

SATURDAY-MAT. 2:30 MARGUERITE CLARK in "Little Lady Eileen."

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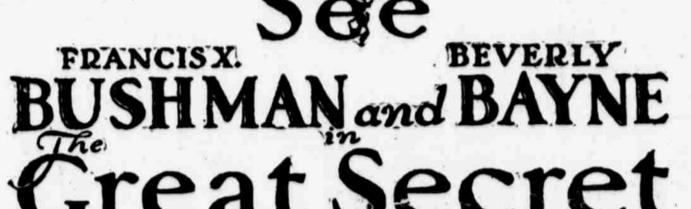
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TUESDAY HAROLD LOCKWOOD and MAY ALLISON in "Big Tremaine"

WEDNESDAY BLANCHE SWEET in "Unprotected"

SUN., DEC. 31-MAT. 3 P. M. BESSIE LOVE in "A Sister of Six" and Keystone Comedy.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN NEW YEAR'S DAY-Mat. 2:30 CLEO RIDGELY

and WALLACE REID in

"The Yellow Pawn"

THURSDAY

ROBERT WARWICK and MOLLIE KING

in "All Man"

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in "Soul of Kura-San" TUESDAY GAIL KANE in "The Men She Married"

SESSUE HAYAKAWA

WEDNESDAY HAROLD LOCKWOOD and MAY ALLISON in "Big Tremaine"

HENRY B. WALTHALL America's Greatest Actor in "The Truant Soul" SATURDAY CLARA KIMBALL YOUNG

WILLIAM NIGH

in "Life's Shadows"

FRIDAY

SUN., DEC. 31-MAT. 3 P. M. BLANCHE SWEET with THEODORE ROBERTS in "Unprotected"

NEW YEAR'S DAY-Mat. 2:30 LOUISE HUFF and JACK PICKFORD in "Seventeen"

in "Without a Soul"

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